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TAGS: PFOR US XJ (ROGERS, WILLIAM D., SCHAUFLE, WILLIM E.)

SUBJECT: PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON ROGERS-SCHAUFLE TRIP TO AFRICA.

1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FRED BROWN, AT PRESS BRIEFING, AUGUST 17, MADE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT (BEGIN TEXT) UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILLIAM D. ROGERS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS WILLIAM E. SCHAUFLE WILL LEAVE THE UNITED STATES ON MONDAY, AUGUST 23 FOR A TRIP TO AFRICA. THEY WILL VISIT TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE. THEIR PRECISE ITINERARY MAY BE REVISED, DEPENDING ON THE COURSE OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS. THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE SCHAUFLE-ROGERS TRIP IS TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE ISSUES FACING SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER LAUNCHED DURING HIS VISIT TO AFRICA. (END TEXT)

2. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE, WHICH BROWN DREW UPON IN RESPONDING TO SOME QUERIES, MAY BE USED LOCALLY BY POSTS  
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(BEGIN TEXT)

Q: WHY IS ROGERS GOING WITH SCHAUFLE?

A: UNDER SECRETARY HAS PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN DESIGNING

CURRENT DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT. HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA'S PROBLEMS.

3. Q: ARE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN WORKING TOGETHER?

A: SCHAUFLE AND ROGERS TRIP IS RESULT OF THESE CONSULTATIONS WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT. THESE POLICIES ARE CLOSELY COORDINATED.

4. Q: DOES UNITED STATES INTEND TO DISCUSS PLAN FOR GUARANTEEING RIGHTS OF WHITE MINORITY?

A: IT IS PREMATURE TO TALK ABOUT SPECIFIC PLAN. OBVIOUSLY SETTLEMENT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES -- INCLUDING RHODESIA'S WHITE MINORITY.

5. Q: WILL SECRETARY KISSINGER MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER?

A: AS RESULT OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN GERMANY IN JUNE, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNDERSTOOD THAT, IF PROGRESS JUSTIFIES IT, SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER WOULD MEET AGAIN. HOWEVER, AT MOMENT THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR SUCH MEETING NOR ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR MR. ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA. NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS WILL DEPEND ON OUTCOME OF ROGERS/SCHAUFLE TRIP. (END TEXT)

6. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF ACTUAL Q AND A AT AUGUST 17 BRIEFING (BEGIN TEXT):

Q: FRED, WHEN YOU SAY PRECISE ITINERARY MAY BE CHANGED,

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ARE YOU SPEAKING IN TERMS OF ADDING OTHER COUNTRIES, OR DO YOU MEAN HOW LONG THEY WILL STAY IN THREE ALREADY LISTED?

A: I HAVE NO PRECISION ON THAT. I THINK IT IS QUESTION OF DURATION. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE OTHER COUNTRIES TO BE ADDED, I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THAT.

7. Q: YOU MEAN THERE IS A POSSIBILITY? OR YOU SIMPLY DON'T KNOW?

A: WHAT I SAID IS REALLY ALL I KNOW ABOUT THAT.

8. Q: HOW LONG IS THE SCHEDULE TO LAST AT MOMENT?

A: I DO NOT HAVE DURATION, BUT --

9. Q: ROUGHLY?

A: ROUGHLY, I THINK WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

10.. Q: WHAT WENT INTO TIMING OF THIS TRIP -- SCHEDULING OF IT AS YOU DID AT THIS POINT? WHY IS THIS PROPITIOUS TIME FOR THEM TO GO TO AFRICA?

A: I CANNOT GIVE YOU RATIONALE FOR PRECISE TIMING ON THIS. THIS IS PART OF CONTINUUM OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DO WITH REGARD TO OUR POLICY IN AFRICA, WHICH, OF COURSE, BEGAN NUMBER OF MONTHS AGO WITH SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AFRICA IN LATE APRIL. THEN HIS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN JUNE. AND THIS IS CONTINUATION OF THAT PROCESS, WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR NUMBER OF MONTHS.

WHY IT IS BEING DONE IN MID-AUGUST INSTEAD OF EARLY AUGUST OR SOME OTHER TIME, I REALLY CANNOT TELL YOU. BUT IT IS PART OF CONTINUUM OF OUR INTEREST IN TRYING TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS WITH REGARD TO VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH FACE AFRICA, PARTICULARLY SOUTHERN AFRICA.

11. Q: ANY POSSIBILITY THEY MIGHT ALSO TALK TO SOUTH UNCLASSIFIED

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AFRICAN LEADERS?

A: NO, I DO NOT THINK SO. THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR MR. ROGERS OR AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA.

12. Q: WELL, OF COURSE DAVID ASKED IF THEY WOULD TALK TO SOUTH AFRICAN LEADERS.

A: NO, I KNOW OF NO PLANS FOR THAT, I DO NOT THINK THAT IS CONTEMPLATED.

13. Q: A BRIDGE OVER LAKE VICTORIA, OR SOMETHING.

A: NO.

14. Q: HOW ABOUT LIBERATIONIST LEADERS FROM

RHODESIA OR FROM SOUTH AFRICA OR FROM NAMIBIA --  
IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT THEY WILL TALK TO BLACK MILI-  
TANTS?

A: I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHOM THEY WOULD BE MEETING  
ON BLACK AFRICAN SIDE ON THIS TRIP, OTHER THAN OBVIOUS  
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF STATES THAT THEY ARE VISITING.

15. Q: IS IT SIGNIFICANT THAT YOU HAVE FINALLY  
DECIDED ON THIS TRIP ONLY MATTER OF A COUPLE OF DAYS OR  
SO AFTER SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER'S SPEECH  
ON FRIDAY?

A: I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY TIME CONNECTION  
BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH AND THIS  
TRIP. (END TEXT)  
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